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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.121

SIR:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on April 2, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants submit herewith a corrected, compliant Amendment. This response is timely filed within one month of the mailing date of the Notice.

It is respectfully submitted that all issues raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment have been obviated, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Response. However, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for such fees.

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are contained in the Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.